False Creek Tidings – FALL 2026

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President's Message

Hi to all Members, Users and Friends of the False Creek Fishermen's Wharf,

Well, the first few big storms have come and gone and Winter is around the corner. I hope everyone had a good season with their respective fisheries in 2026. I know our crab fishermen enjoyed higher prices this year after a tough 2025. Salmon, tuna and halibut prices were strong, and it looks like Chinese tariffs have been dropped for next seasons spot prawns, sea cucumber and geoduck which is welcome news for the industry. As fishing and boating season wind down, it's a good time to make sure your vessels are winterized, put away and securely plugged in so they are ready for the colder weather ahead.

I would like to thank our diligent harbour staff and management for keeping things running smoothly all summer and for all the hard work they put in keeping our harbour maintained. They show up everyday with a smile on their face and make sure everything big and small keeps humming along.

Spot Prawn Fest, Blessing of the Fleet and Crab Fest anchored another busy summer, this year was special as we got to welcome the community down to see the completed first phase of our new breakwater and walkway. I personally was so happy to see this project get completed this year and am excited about the next phases of our harbour projects. As the neighborhood around us grows and develops, the board is excited to keep improving our facility, strengthening our ties to the False Creek community and ensuring our fishermen are able to successfully harvest and sell seafood to our city.

To celebrate the end of another season please join us for the harbour's open house next month for a bite and a drink! I thank you all for being part of the harbour community and making it so special. Cheers, and I hope everyone is able to take some time to rest over the holidays next month.

See you on the dock!

Fraser MacDonald
President
False Creek Harbour Authority – Fishermen's Wharf

Harbour Manager's Report

Hello Harbour Members, Users & Friends of the False Creek Fishermen's Wharf.

I hope you all enjoyed the wonderful weather we had over the summer. We kept busy here at the Harbour with our festivals & events, combined with one of our busier transient seasons in recent years. It was also wonderful to complete the 1st phase of our bulkhead project, now providing a safe walking path and finished look along the waterfront. We received several compliments and wanted to thank you all for your patience and understanding as we worked through the challenges to now have this area for people to safely walk and enjoy. We started some preliminary preparations with DFO for phase 2, which will continue through to the end of the parking lot. We do not have any confirmation as to when it will happen, however with the 2026 budget announcement of $957.8 million nationally over 5 years set for repairing, modernizing, and maintaining small craft harbours to improve structural safety and climate resilience, we expect our project will be completed within this allocated funding allotment. We are aware of a few items from phase 1 that still require further attention. This includes the new letdowns at both D & E docks as they are collecting water, so when we are engaged in phase 2, we will grind them down to allow the pooling water to properly drain into the garden area.

We have a few upcoming projects that will keep us busy through the winter, starting off with the complete replacement of the dryline fire suppression system on the docks. We have already blocked off parking to create a laydown area for materials and will be actively working on the project by the time you read this. Our staff will be working alongside the contractors to further our understanding of dock utilities, while keeping costs down and the project moving forward with the extra hands. Over the summer we almost took on another invasive project, which is the remediation of the Tidal Grids. Due to the spring funding announcement delay, the window became too tight this summer to pull everything together, but we have been working with Environment Canada to prepare for this work which will include the complete removal of the West Grid, and the removal of the timbers on the East Grid. A metre of contaminate will be removed and replaced with a foot of clean rock before rebuilding the East Grid. We will keep you informed as to when this work will happen but expect it to coincide with daytime low tides. We had planned to refresh the paint in the washrooms in the spring; however, phase 1 of the bulkhead project was longer than expected and we simply had too many contractors using the facilities at that time. To that, we have chosen the new colours for the washrooms and look to have them refreshed before the New Year.

Some of you may have noticed some office improvements over the past few months. We installed a screen to display important notices or pictures of our projects and events, refreshed our clothing display board and will be continuing our improvements with new flooring and paint. After that we may be looking to update our counter and switching to a Point-of-Sale System. We also updated our logo and have a few new shirts for sale. The goal is to clear out our old inventory and add some new pieces in, so keep your eye out for these items being worn around the Harbour and come and grab one yourself! If you have an idea for an item that you would like to see us carry, please let us know.

Thank you to the Locker Users for their cooperation with the Locker Bay Clean-up last month. With that now behind us we will be shifting our focus and attention to cleaning up the open storage. We know that there are items in there that have been abandoned and no longer serve a purpose. The staff have been reluctant to discard these items, and seem to move them around year to year, taking up valuable space and time. A coloured sticker system will be implemented to identify which items belongs to whom. Once the opportunity has been given, we will be moving all non-tagged items to the wharfhead to take photos and will send emails out for a further chance to claim these items. After this opportunity, these items will be disposed of.

A few last-minute tidbits; The Fishermen's Memorial is still a go, and we expect it to be fully fabricated and installed prior to our Blessing of the Fleet event. We will be looking to update our berthage agreements to reflect the update from the Warehouse Lien Act to the Commercial Liens Act. For our Fishers, we have constructed a new hopper style ice tote to make it easier to load your boat, so please inquire for more information. Finally, we have a new employee to welcome to our Fishermen's Wharf team, Andres Collantes. Please say hello to him when you see him out on the docks!

As the year is ending, I would like to say how much I truly enjoy being a part of this Harbour Community. It has been a pleasure getting to know most of you over the years and I welcome the opportunity to meet some of our newer boaters a bit better by attending our upcoming Holiday Open House, or another Harbour Event like our Harbour Appreciation Day. Have a Safe & Joyous Holiday Season and Wishing you the Best in the New Year!

Mike Loy - Harbour Manager

Payments & Charges

This is a reminder to all vessel owners that if your account is in **ARREARS** when monthly charges are processed, **the Daily Rate will apply**. We will do our best to remind and give advance notice to all Harbour Users when their moorage is due, **however it is ultimately up to the vessel owners to be responsible for their own accounts.** The Harbour is set up to receive payments over the phone or on weekends to help simplify the payment process as we understand that some Harbour Users live out of town or work during regular business hours. For any account inquiries, please contact Nicole at the Harbour Office or via email at office@falsecreek.com

Open to Articles for Newsletter

The Harbour is open to submissions for the newsletter. The next issue of the newsletter will be published in the Spring of 2027. Please remember that this newsletter belongs to the users of Fishermen's Wharf. In saying that, please consider contributing an article, an interesting boater experience or some photos to the Harbour. All will be considered and welcomed. If you are interested in contributing, please submit your article/photo by April 1, 2027.

FCHA and Social Media

Look for us on Facebook, and Instagram to stay connected with the Harbour and learn about upcoming events! Search False Creek Fishermen's Wharf on Facebook and Instagram to find our pages and stay connected.

You can also click on the links above!

AGM 2027

Attention- All Voting Members

The FCHA - AGM 2027 is scheduled to take place on Tuesday February 16th, 2027. We will be hosting you at the Granville Island Hotel, as per usual. Doors will be open for 6:30pm with the meeting starting at 7pm. Tea/Coffee & Cookies will be provided!

All voting members are welcome and encouraged to attend. If elections are to take place or any items that go to a vote, we'd love to have as much input from the membership as possible to ensure we are moving in the right direction.

Date/Time: Feb. 16th, 2027, 7pm-9pm
Location: Granville Island Hotel
(1253 Johnston street)









Holiday Open House

Tacofino will once again be gracing us with delicious tacos from their TACO TRUCK. Join us for some tasty tacos and let's all enjoy some festive times together! This holiday season will be much like past years, we've sent out an invitation, and you will need to RSVP if you plan to attend so we can accommodate everyone. The Taco Truck will be parked out front of the office, so dress appropriately, but we'll also have the boardroom open so we can get out of the cold and share good times with friends and family here at the Fishermen's Wharf!

The event will be taking place on Thursday, Dec. 3rd from 12:30pm-4:00pm

(Please RSVP to the Invitation email we send out or you will likely not be able to get any tacos. That said, you can still join us as we'll have other snacks and refreshments to enjoy!)

Parking Lot Etiquette & Enforcement

It has come to our attention this past cruising season that a lot of people are abusing the parking lot and inviting friends and family to come and use the space without following the rules or informing the office. We've seen multiple vehicles for vessels currently on-site with no one around, including second or work vehicles left on-site for extended periods while the owner is off-site, and the vessel is still in berth. We are here to remind you all that parking on-site at False Creek Fishermen's Wharf is for conducting harbour business, not as a free parking space for your second vehicle, and you **must** be a Harbour User to park here. That means you should be coming down to visit your vessel or speak with the office, not heading to the airport for a 3-week vacation in Mexico! We can be and are very flexible when you need a favour and plan in advance by speaking with the office. Unfortunately, we noticed several instances of people skirting these rules and using the harbour as a place to leave their vehicles while working off-site or conducting business in the area. We are also expecting an uptick in parking issues with the upcoming developments behind us nearing completion of their 1st phase of buildings.

With all that said, we will be looking to be more proactive regarding our approach to parking enforcement as we roll into next spring. Parking gets very tight as activity begins to pick up once again. We aim to keep an eye on the parking lot and will be tagging vehicles without a valid pass on the regular. If we need to call in the tow truck, we will do what is necessary to bring this issue in line with Harbour Policy. We've already had some of these conversations with the offending parties as they happen, but we want to stress to all our Users that parking is very limited, especially in the busy cruising and fishing seasons. This past year has brought this issue to the forefront of our minds as it was particularly trying times dealing with the construction of the new bulkhead wall and the loss of access to a significant portion of our parking spaces.

Harbour Policy states that all vehicles parking on False Creek Fishermen's Wharf property must have valid road insurance, must display a valid parking permit at all times while on harbour premises, and are not to be left unattended on-site for more than 72 hours without the driver present, unless you're out fishing or cruising. Further to this, RV's, trailers, and other large vehicles may only park on site with the permission of Harbour Management. Overnighting in a vehicle or other unconventional types of accommodation is strictly prohibited. For further parking policy information, please see Harbour Staff in the office during regular business hours.

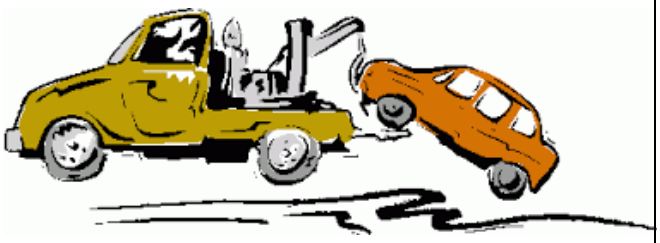


Locker Aisles – Keep them Clear!

We wanted to take a moment to remind our Commercial Users to keep the Locker Aisleways clear of clutter and debris. We took some initiative earlier this season to have them cleared out for a big cleaning, and we would like to try and keep them this way.

We understand our Fishers need to move gear around and effect repairs on damaged nets/traps and other gear. We ask that you keep the impact to a minimum and clean up once the work is completed. Ultimately, gear should be stored INSIDE the locker and not in front of or stacked out of the way for the long term.

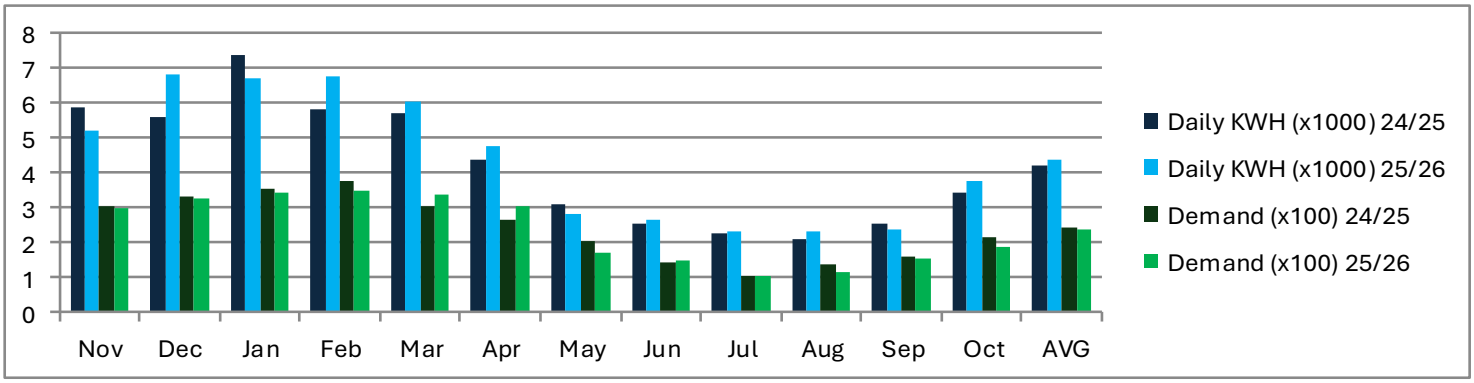
We are also working to sort items in the Open Storage area. If you have gear you want to keep in this area, be sure to identify it to Harbour Staff for later sorting. We are working to devise a new simplified system to quickly identify what gear belongs to which Vessel/Owner. Inquire at the office for further details.



Clean Marine Update

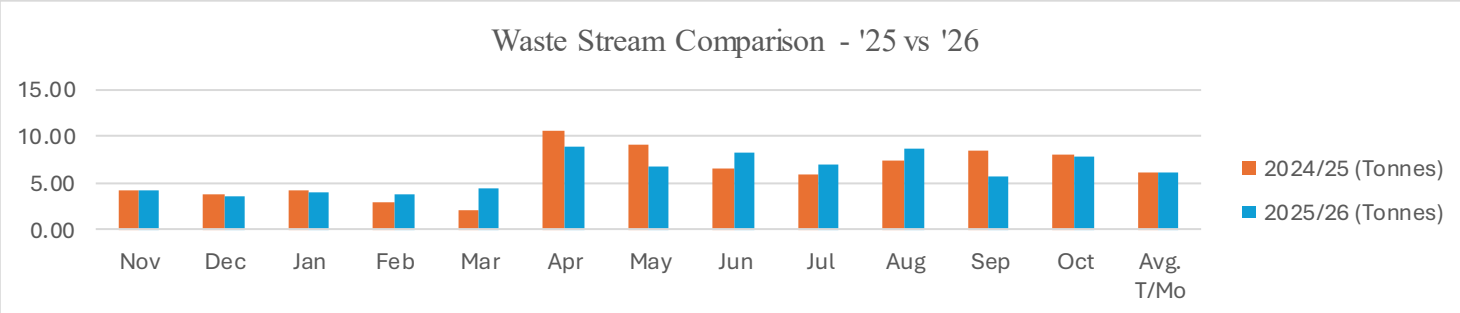
Things are looking stable through this past year once again, with electrical consumption holding steady and waste disposal also leveling off. There will always be some minor fluctuations based on the needs of the day, but we've found the middle ground. Work can still be done to reduce our waste streams as we still sit slightly higher than in past years. We are clawing our way back to the electrical consumption rates from 2018, great work everyone, we appreciate you all making your own efforts to reduce electrical consumption where possible! Our daily average Kilowatt Hours usage currently sits at 4.38 KWH/day, compared to 4.22 KWH/day in 2025 and 4.16 KWH/day in 2018. A small step back but still in line with our current trends. The locker lighting project has certainly helped us greatly in this effort. How have you been finding the new lighting systems in the locker areas? Let us know if you are having any troubles with the new systems. We're always happy to help you get sorted out if we can.

The waste stream has seen some improvement, though there is still room for us to be doing better! This tends to continually fluctuate a bit, but we have seen a consistent trend of reduction since we began monitoring these items, barring a few anomalies. We do want to see this number continue to fall in the long run, so please be mindful of your waste, recycle appropriately, and refrain from bringing large household waste like old furniture and electronics down to the harbour for disposal. For the record, this past year, we averaged 6.02 tonnes of trash per month, which is still a high volume we would like to see come in lower. We have robust recycling streams, and we hope you take advantage of them! If you are not sure where and how to dispose of products, come see us in the office. Side note: clean wood is no longer accepted for disposal in the compactor, so please avoid disposing of this product here on-site.



Above: Comparison between average daily power consumption in kilowatt hours (KWH) and Demand in 2024/25 & 2025/26. Daily KWH is how much power is consumed on an average day whereas demand tracks the volume of flow needed at any given moment, in KWH. We are a little higher in usage but a little lower in demand. Weather and temperature play a roll, but we appreciate our customers being wise with their electrical use. This truly helps the harbour be efficient and helps us reduce costs where we can. The new lights in the lockers have really helped here. Keep up the good work!

Below: Comparison between the monthly totals of on-site waste (garbage) generated from 2024/25 and 2025/26. The average monthly tonnage began climbing again, but now you can see it has leveled off compared to last years waste stream. The average has returned to 2023 levels, but we would like to see this continue to trend down. Keep up the good work so we can reduce our waste load, which benefits everyone. We also want to continue encouraging our Users in separating recycling materials where possible to keep waste to a minimum. If you are not sure where and how to dispose of products, come see us in the office and we will direct you to the appropriate waste streams.



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Above Photo:

A beautiful shot of some commercial vessels at harbour. Can any of you identify where this shot was taken? We're always looking for interesting art or images of commercial vessels in action or in idyllic locales. Feel free to send us some images to feature in the newsletter. We'd love to give you some credit and see what interests you!

Photo Credit to: Frugal Flyer on Unsplash via National Fisherman

Green Spaces

Karyn continues to do a wonderful job keeping the Harbour looking green and beautiful throughout the changing seasons. With help from her partner Steve, they are always looking at different ways to bring this place to life with floral arrangements, hanging baskets, growing gardens and seasonal flair. We hear from customers and guests year-round who love our garden spaces.

Please take a moment to thank them for their hard work!



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LOCK IT OR LOSE IT

Winter is Coming...

While we are looking at the potential for warmer than usual winter weather this coming season, keep in mind it will still likely get below freezing at several points. Weather patterns are still in flux and remain unpredictable, so be sure to take some steps to ensure your vessel rides out the worst the season has to offer. Check all your lines to ensure they are secure. Stow away any loose items on deck and ensure any hoses or tanks are properly stored to prevent freezing. Anything left on the finger float should be tucked away to ensure the space is free for any snow clearing that might need to take place.

As the weather turns for the worse, it's also important to keep moisture out of the boat. The most effective method is by allowing air to flow through the vessel without getting trapped inside. In most cases, a simple fan will do to keep air flowing through the vessel and greatly reduces the chance of an accident or breaker trip. Since you're likely to spend more time away from the vessel in the off-season, it's important to remember to shut down all unnecessary equipment and electronics and to stow away any items of value that might invite unwanted attention to your vessel. Liquor bottles, fishing gear, and binoculars are some easily fenced items, but anything you value should be secured away from prying eyes to ensure the boat is safe and secure through the winter months.